ANGLIA

ANGLIAE REGNVM Albionis pars maxima ab Anglis inter Iutas & Saxones circa Sleſvvicum in Cymbrica Cherſoneſo ſitis, nomen accepit. Vnde autem dicti ſint Angli, varia eſt doctorum opinio, ciusque rei cupidum Lectorem eo relegamus. Angliæ Rex ſupremam poteſtatem & merum Imperium habet, nec in Imperij clientela eſt, nec inueſtituram ab alio quouis accipit, nec præter Deum, ſuperiorem agnoſcit. Eius ſubditi vel ſunt Laici vel Eccleſiaſtici: Item ſunt vel nobiles vel plebei. Nobiles ſunt vel maiores: vt Duces, Comites & Barones: vel minores vt Equites aurati, Armigeri & qui vulgo generoſi & Gentelmen dicuntur. Hi omnes aut Hæreditario iure his titulis gaudent aut ijſdem virtutis ergo à Regè exornantur. Ducis autem nomen ſoli Regis filio natu maximo hoc tempore conuenit: quamuis olim plures eo titulo inſigniti fuerint. Plebei, ciues ſunt, qui in ſua quilibet vrbe publicis funguntur muneribus & in Parlamentarijs Angliæ comitijs locũ habent: vel ingenui, quos Legales homines lex vocat & ex agris quos optimo iure tenent, quadraginta ad minimum ſolidos quotannis colligunt: vel opifices, qui mercedè operam locant. Diuiditur autem tota Anglia in Comitatus quos vel conuentus vel pagos propriè & latine voces. Angli vero peculiari vocabulo Shyres appellant à Scyre Saxonica dictione, quæ partiri & diuidere ſignificat. Comitatus vero in Centurias (quæ in nonnullis partibus VVapentaches à tactu armorum nominantur) & hæ in decurias diuiduntur. In his Comitatibus difficilioribus temporibus, præfectus Regius, quem Lieutenant vocant, ne quid detrimenti reſpublica capiat, conſtituitur. Singulis vero annis nobilis aliquis ex incolis præficitur, quem vicecomitem, quaſi vicarium Comitis & Anglica lingua Shyriffe, id eſt, Comitatus præpoſitum vocant: qui etiam Comitatus vel Prouinciæ Quæſtor recte dici poteſt. Eius enim eſt publicas pecunias prouinciæ ſuæ conquirere, mulctas irrogatas vel pignoribus ablatis colligere, & ærario inferre: Iudicibus præſto adeſſe, & eorum mandata exequi: Duodecim viros cogere, qui in cauſis de facto cognoſcunt & ad iudices referunt (Iudices enim apud Anglos iuris ſolum & non facti ſunt iudices) condemnatos ad ſupplicium ducere & in minoribus litibus cognoſcere. In maioribus autem jus dicunt iuſtitiarij, quos olim itinerantes, nunc Iuſtitiarios ad Aſſiſas vocant, qui quotannis hos Comitatus bis obeunt, vt de cauſis cognoſcant & de incarceratis ſententiam ferant. Hi autem ab Henrico II. inſtituti vel potius reſtituti iurant ſe cuilibet ius ſuum conſeruaturos illæſum.

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